



STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

Number 55

**AN ORDER RENEWING THE EXISTING STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
TENNESSEE DECLARED IN RESPONSE TO RECENT SEVERE STORMS
AND RELATED TORNADOES**

WHEREAS, in response to the emergency conditions existing in Tennessee in the aftermath of the severe storms and related tornadoes of February 5 and February 6 of 2008, I directed the enactment of the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan on February 5, 2008, thereby declaring a state of emergency in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 58-2-107(b)(2) provides that no state of emergency may continue for longer than sixty (60) days unless renewed by the governor. Therefore, unless renewed, the state of emergency declared on February 5, 2008, will expire on Friday, April 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2008, the President of the United States granted my request for a disaster declaration for the state of Tennessee under the federal Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee and the federal government continue to provide housing and related services to those Tennesseans impacted by these devastating weather events; and

WHEREAS, based on the ongoing status of these relief efforts, and pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 58-2-107, I have determined that a state of emergency continues to exist in the state of Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, hereby order and direct that the state of emergency declared through the enactment of the Tennessee Emergency Management Plan on February 5, 2008, is hereby renewed. This state of emergency will remain in effect until I have determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist; provided that in no event will the state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) additional days, unless specifically renewed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2008.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE